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1. SUMMARY: DURING THE SEPTEMBER 8 PLENARY SESSION, THE
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY APPROVED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND PASSED A
MOTION APPROVING THE UN DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. BEDOYA
REYES NOTED THAT THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THE ASSEMBLY IS TO DRAFT

THE NEW CONSTITUTION, NOT TO LEGISLATE. THE LEFT SUFFERED FROM
AN EVIDENT LACK OF PARLIAMENTARY EXPERTISE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING THE SEPTEMBER 8 PLENARY SESSION, THEE CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY APPROVED THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS OF ITS MEMBERS.
THERE ARE 14 SPECIAL COMMITTEES CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF DRAFTING ONE CHAPTER EACH OF THE CONSTITUTION, 7 ORDINARY
COMMITTEES WITH GENERAL ADVISORY FUNCTIONS, 2 INVESTIGATORY
COMMITTEES, AND ONE PRINCIPAL COMMITTEE, TO COORDINATE AND REVIE
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THE WORK OF THE OTHER COMMITTEES. THE ASSIGNMENTS WERE APPROVED

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BY THE MAJORITY OVER THE LEFT'S PROTEST. THE CHAIRMANSHIPS OF
THE COMMITTEES WERD ALSO ASSIGNED, GIVING APRA 14, PPC 9, AND
THE MOVIMIENTO DEMOCRATICO PERUANO (MDP) 1. DURING THE SESSION,
FOCEP DELEGATE CARLOS MALPICA CRITICIZED THE FAILURE TO ASSIGN
ANY COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP TO THE LEFT WHICH CONSTITUTES ONE
THIRD OF THE ASSEMBLY ALTHOUGH IT IS REPRESENTED ON ALL COMMITTEES
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THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMITTEE WAS ASSIGNED TO APRA LEADER LUIS ALBERTO SANCHEZ, DESPITE THREATS FROM LUIS BEDOYA

REYES THAT THE PPC WOULD BOYCOTT ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS IF HE WERE NOT AWARDED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMITTEE. THE PPC RECEIVED 9 COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS BUT BEDOYA REYES SIGN

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LLED HIS UNHAPPINESS BY ACCEPTING ONLY ONE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT A
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AN ORDINARY MEMBER OF ONE OF THE TWO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES. THE TWO SENSITIVE INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEES ARE CHAIRED BY APRA (HUMAN RIGHTS AND ILLEGAL ENICHMENT) AND THE PPC (ECONOMIC CRISIS AND ITS CAUSES). THE COMMITTEES SHOULD BEGIN THEIR WORK THIS WEEK.

3. BEDOYA REYES, IN HIS SECOND INTERVENTION IN A PLENARY SESSION

AND HIS FIRST MAJOR ASSEMBLY SPEECH, INTRODUCED A MOTION AFFIRMING THAT THE UN DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS IN FULL FORCE IN PERU AND THAT LAWS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE DECLARATION SHOULD BE "WITHOUT EFFECT". HE OFFERED ART. 5 OF THE STATUTE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES AS AN EXAMPLE OF A LAW NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE DECLARATION (ART. 5 PROVIDES THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE ANY ACTIONS COMPATIBLE WITH ITS REVOLUTIONAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OBJECTIVES IRRESPECTIVE OF CONSTITUTIONAL.) THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY. DURING THEE SAME SPEECH, BEDOYA DECLARED THAT THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON WRITING A NEW CONSTITUTION RATHER THAN DEBATE "LEGISLATIVE" DEMANDS BY THE EXTREME LEFT THAT WOULD ONLY MAKE THE ASSEMBLY LOOK "RIDICULOUS".

4. PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF GENARO LEDESMA, FOCEP'S PARLIAMENTARIAN, THE LEFT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED ITS LACK OF PARLIAMENTARY EXPERTISE. JAVIER DIEZ CANSECO (UNION DEMOCRATICO PERUANO) PRESENTED A MOTION CALLING FOR LABOR AMNESTY AND DEMANDED THAT THE ASSEMBLY TAKE A POSITION ON THE ISSUE. LEFTIST DELEGATES SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION FOR OVER AN HOUR, WITHOUT CALLING FOR A VOTE TO HAVE THE ISSUE FORMALLY ENTERED INTO THE AGENDA. FINALLY, HAYA DE LA TORRE NOTED THAT WHILE TTHERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUE, THE TIME ALLOTED BY THE RULES OF ORDER FOR THE PRESENTATION OF MOTIONS HAD ELAPSED AND THE MOTION COULD NOT BE ENTERED INTO THE AGENDA. DISCUSSIONS OF THE ISSUE WERE POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT PLENARY SESSION (SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 12) OVER THE PROTESTS OF THE CONFUSED LEFT. DECON 9-11-79. SHLAUDEMAM

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